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Sunday 28th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Coronavirus – Important Update

Many of you will be aware that the Prime Minister has taken action in response to the Omicron variant being found in the UK. We have now received further guidance from the Department for Education of measures we must take now as a precaution to slow down the spread of coronavirus in our communities.

## Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in communal areas by staff, visitors and students from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November until further notice. In addition, students should wear face coverings on public transport and shops. **It is expected that ALL parents/carers ensure their child has a face mask before leaving the house.** 

## Twice Weekly Testing

The guidance also encourages students to continue test twice weekly on Sundays and Wednesdays using lateral flow device (LFD) tests provided by JQA. Students should report results to the government here <u>https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-</u><u>result</u> in the first instance and then to the Academy at <u>https://tinyurl.com/jqahometest</u>

Any student who tests positive on a Sunday or Wednesday should call 0121 729 7220 and select Option 2. They should remain at home and arrange a PCR test, staying in contact with the Academy so we can continue to support and advise.

Thank you for continued support so our community stays safe,

Mr J Barton - Head of School

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